



Puffins in peril?

“Once widespread creatures such as Puffin, Snowy Owl and Turtle Dove are plummeting towards oblivion. The State of the World’s Birds [Report]...reveals a biodiversity crisis driven by the expansion and intensification of agriculture. In all 74% of 1409 globally threatened birds are affected...primarily by farming, logging, invasive species, and hunting.”¹

“According to the report at least 40% of bird species worldwide are in decline...with researchers blaming human activity.”¹

“Overfishing and climate change are affecting seabird species, particularly, the Atlantic Puffin and the Black Legged Kittihawk. The European Turtle Dove’s rapid disappearance is caused by both hunting and habitat loss through modern farming.”¹

“But there are conservation success stories - according to Birdlife 25 bird species would have gone extinct this century without targeted conservation work.”¹

“Everything is reversible...because everything is unfortunately of humankinds making”²

“What we...need is wide-scale solutions to agricultural intensification and expansion – they are the biggest drivers to extinction of birds. We could easily feed the world’s population and leave room for birds and other wildlife. There are successful systems that marry wildlife conservation and productive landscapes for people.”²

“Everything we do in our day-to-day lives can have an impact on nature – from the food we eat to the energy we use – everyone has a role to play in conservation and it’s more important than ever that everyone does their bit!”³

“We all need to get involved...to make a real difference.”³

1 Barkham. P (2018)

One in eight bird species threatened with extinction
The Guardian (23/04/2018)

2 Allinson.T - Bird Life International (2018)

Quoted: One in eight bird species threatened with extinction
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3 Act for Wildlife (2016)

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<https://www.actforwildlife.org.uk/conservation-news/together-can-save-uk-wildlife/>

